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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Gilroy – Ex-Teacher Charged with Facebook Catfishing Scheme

(U) Prosecutors have filed an array of charges against Douglas Le, a former Gilroy High School teacher who allegedly tricked students into sending him lurid images by posing on Facebook as a teenage girl with a porn star avatar. Le faces 20 total criminal charges including nine felony counts of sending harmful matter to a minor; nine felony counts of communicating with a minor with the intent to commit a specified crime; one felony count of possessing matter depicting a minor engaging or simulating sexual conduct; and one misdemeanor count of annoying or molesting a child. A conviction on all counts would yield a maximum sentence of more than eight years in prison.

SOURCE: 28 May 2016, [Washington Post](#), [Mercury News](#)

(U) Santa Anna – 21 Arrested After Police Uncover \$126 Million Telemarketing Scheme

(U) A suspected \$126 million telemarketing scheme uncovered by Huntington Beach investigators led authorities on Tuesday morning to arrest 21 people, six of whom are from Orange County. Those taken into custody by federal agents and Huntington Beach police were indicted for targeting more than 50,000 victims by posing as their regular toner-products supplier but upping their prices by as much as 10 times the regular retail price. About two-dozen alleged victims were listed in the indictment, including a half-dozen from California.

SOURCE: 30 June 2016, [Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – After Istanbul Attack, US Airports Step Up Holiday Security

(U) Washington – In light of the recent terrorist attack at Ataturk International Airport in Istanbul, officials are increasing security at American airports, as concerns arise over possible plots coinciding with the Fourth of July and the end of the Muslim Ramadan holiday. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has increased security at major US airports, including JFK and LaGuardia in New York, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson, and Los Angeles International. Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) teams, heavily armed officers clad in body armor, have been deployed to conduct random security sweeps and searches at all US airports with increased security in place

SOURCE: 29 June 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) District of Columbia– US Officials Say Russian Warship Intentionally Interfered With Operations

(U) Washington – US officials have publically accused Russia of intentionally interfering with a recent Navy operation. According to officials, the USS Gravelly was escorting the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman on 17 June when a Russian frigate approached it in an “unsafe and unprofessional” manner. The incident began when the frigate was two nautical miles from the American destroyer and flying the international signal flags that indicate a ship is restricted in its ability to maneuver, but it was clear the Russian ship was able to maneuver, counter to the signals it was flying.

SOURCE: 29 June 2016, [Yahoo News](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) District of Columbia– US-Led Air Strikes Kill 250 ISIL Fighters**

(U) Washington – A US-led coalition aircraft waged a series of strikes against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) around the city of Falluja yesterday, with officials claiming a preliminary estimate of at least 250 suspected fighters killed and at least 40 vehicles destroyed. If the figures are confirmed, the strikes would be among the most deadly ever against the group. While this strike highlights continued success of coalition work, US officials caution that ISIL's territorial losses have not diminished concerns about the group's intent and ability to plan coordinated attacks abroad.

SOURCE: 29 June 2016, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) Florida – Millions of Dollars and Drugs Found Stashed in Buckets at Miami Home

(U) Miami– A search of a Miami-based gardening business and private residence lead to the discovery of millions of dollars stashed inside buckets hidden in attic walls, along with drugs and a gun. Luis Hernandez-Gonzalez and his sister were arrested yesterday in connection with an ongoing drug trafficking and money laundering case. The arrests are the culmination of an investigation that involved the Drug Enforcement Agency in Tennessee and Florida. Investigators say they used confidential sources, and planned drug buys and surveillance to make the arrests.

SOURCE: 30 June 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – Large Stockpile of Weapons Found Near German Mosque**

(U) Nordrhein-Westfalen– A large weapons arsenal , including war-grade weapons, was discovered in a cold room a grocery store during a top secret SWAT raid in the most populous state in Germany. This cache is believed to be connected to a potential sleeper cell in Germany, though no additional information was provided. The discovery comes as the German government voiced concern that ISIL could step up attacks in Europe as it loses territory in Iraq and Syria. Germany's domestic intelligence agency recently enhanced its training to include large-scale assault response. Germany has been on high alert for possible large-scale militant incidents - potentially including military-style weapons - since the Paris attacks last November and Brussels in March.

SOURCE: 29 June 2016, [Express](#)

(U) Egypt – EgyptAir 804 Wreckage and Recorder Show Signs of Heat and Smoke Prior to Crashing

(U) Cairo – Egypt's civil aviation ministry yesterday stated that the flight data recorder on EgyptAir Flight 804 indicates possible lavatory and avionics smoke before the plane plummeted into the Mediterranean Sea. Additional wreckage from the Airbus A320's front section also showed signs of high temperature damage and soot, though the cause of these findings is still unknown. Authorities are still attempting to repair the aircraft's voice data recorder which captures flight deck sounds, including crew conversation, alarms and background noises. To date, there has been no claim of responsibility by any terrorist organization, though officials have not ruled out the possibility that this could have been an act of terrorism.

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